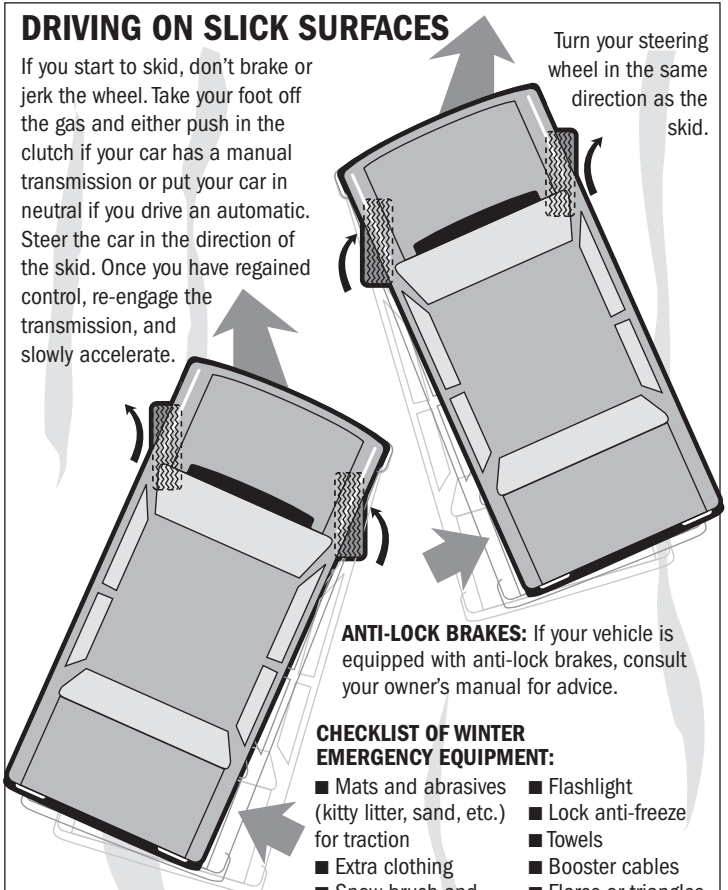
DRIVING ON SLICK SURFACES

If you start to skid, don't brake or jerk the wheel. Take your foot off the gas and either push in the clutch if your car has a manual transmission or put your car in neutral if you drive an automatic. Steer the car in the direction of the skid. Once you have regained control, re-engage the transmission, and slowly accelerate.

Turn your steering wheel in the same direction as the skid.

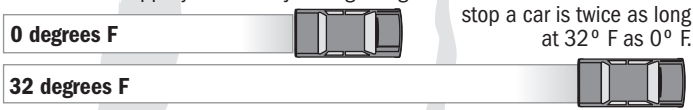


ANTI-LOCK BRAKES: If your vehicle is equipped with anti-lock brakes, consult your owner's manual for advice.

CHECKLIST OF WINTER EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT:

- Mats and abrasives (kitty litter, sand, etc.) for traction
- Extra clothing
- Snow brush and ice scraper
- Flashlight
- Lock anti-freeze
- Towels
- Booster cables
- Flares or triangles for signaling.
- Mats

Ice is most slippery when it is just beginning to melt. The distance needed to stop a car is twice as long at 32° F as 0° F.



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